

Congratulations to all of the Pink Tractor Ladies and their many helpers on their 15<sup>th</sup> annual tractor run on July 1<sup>st</sup>. As always they meet on Thorpe Abbotts Airfield which is right in front of where I live, so its lovely to see them arriving from early in the morning (6.30am) with their tractors so colourfull and decorated in PINK. They travel through our villages and Harleston where hundreds of people cheer them on their way before returning later in the afternoon to the airfield. Their target is to raise 1 million pounds which I am sure they will soon achieve.

Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) At the recent GNLP meeting held at Broadland Council Offices, a new revised timetable was agreed, which is: Consultation on newly submitted sites between October and December 2018, Publish a draft plan for consultation to include preferred policy options, growth strategy and site allocation September to October 2019, Formal submission of GNLP to secretary of State June 2020, Public hearings January 2021, Publication of inspectors report July 2021 with adoption of GNLP September 2021.

Up to 3,000 pounds can now be claimed by individual businesses in Norfolk towards the cost of ultra-fast broadband digital connection. Though the Giga-bit Broadband Voucher Scheme, small to medium businesses, as well as surrounding communities, can claim a one-off contribution towards the cost of a full fibre connection. For more information visit [gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk](http://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk)

Norfolk takes a stand against scams.

NCC has set up the Norfolk Against Scams Partnership (NASP) which is a group of organisations who are committed to taking a stand against scams. If you think you or a relative, friend or neighbour have been the victim of a scam, please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or fraud on 0300.123 2040 Or you could become a Friend against Scams by completing the online training, attend a session or request training for your group or organisation by visiting [www.norfolk.gov.uk/friendsagainstscams](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/friendsagainstscams)

I recently attended the annual Crucial Crew event held at Easton College, this is where over 1,000 youngsters from South Norfolk Primary schools attend to learn about different safety scenarios. They are, Household Emergencies, Staying Safe Online, Electrical Safety, Water Safety, Gas Safety, Norfolk Youth Offending team, Fire safety, St. John ambulance, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and Healthy Relationships. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year that this event has been held which is organised by the Norfolk Fire Service and funded by South Norfolk Council.

Voting is now open for South Norfolk Community Pub of The Year competition, there are four categories which are

- 1 Outstanding Community focus
- 2 Best Customer Service
- 3 Most Family Friendly
- 4 Tastiest food and Drink

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My next surgery will be at HIP 10am on September 1st

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